(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines have gone up from 100 per cent to 300 per cent; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the medicines which have come to the notice of Government where the prices have gone up from 50 per cent to 300 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government has reduced excise duty from 15 per cent to NIL for Category-I drugs and from 15 per cent to 10 per cent for Category-II drugs of DPCO, 1987.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Some of the manufacturers of non-scheduled drugs have increased the prices.

(d) A list of formulations wherein prices have gone up is given in reply to U.S.Q. No. 635 for 29-2-88. Similarly a list of bulk drugs (both scheduled & non-scheduled) wherein prices increased is given in reply to U.S.Q. No. 641 for 29-2-88.

Collection of telephone bills by banks

2664. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the arrangement of various banks with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited for collecting telephone bills in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sansadiya Soudh Branch of the State Bank of India has not yet been authorised to collect telephone bills;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to authorise the Sansadiya Soudh Branch of the State Bank of India to collect telephone bills?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Sir, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has authorised a total of 83 branches of the following Nationalised Banks in Delhi to collect telephone bills:

1. State Bank of India,
2. Punjab National Bank, and
3. Indian Overseas Bank.

(b) Sansadiya South branch of State Bank of India has not been authorised to collect telephone bills, but Parliament House (sub office) branch of State Bank of India has been authorised.

(c) and (d) Parliament House (Sub Office) branch of State Bank of India is located in close proximity of Sansadiya Soudh branch. In view of this, Sansadhiya Soudh branch was not authorised.

Targets fixed for Oil India Limited

2665. Shri J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil India Limited has failed to achieve almost all the targets fixed for it for the current financial year, according to a recent study by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the failure of OIL to utilise its plan outlay fully; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate to take to see that the fixed targets are achieved in full by OIL?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Based on the current assessment, Oil India Limited (OIL) may not be able to achieve the targets of crude oil production and drilling during the year 1987-88. However, in respect of other activities